

MILITARY SPORT.

ALL BRANCHES FOR THE ARMY.

The latest Command Orders publish the following information regarding Garrison sports:—

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting to arrange details of this League will be held in D.O.R.E. II Office Wellington Barracks at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 17th inst. Units are requested to detail a representative to attend.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

Matches for this week:— Monday.—R.A.O.C. v. R.A.S.C. Tuesday.—Small Units v. R.E. "B."

Wednesday.—H.Q. Wing, East Surrey Regiment, v. R.A.M.C. Thursday.—"A" Co. v. "D" Co., East Surrey Regiment, v. "B" Co., East Surrey Regiment. Friday.—R.E. "A" v. "B" Co., East Surrey Regiment. Play to commence each day at 4 p.m.

Tennis Doubles Championship.—The Challenge Cup and Souvenirs will be competed for at the termination of the Garrison Tennis League.

Conditions.—Open doubles from Units, open to W.O.s, N.C.O.s and Men of the Garrison. Any member of pairs from the same Unit. Games to be on the knock-out principle, best of three sets. Final to be best of five sets. No competition unless sixteen entries are received. Entries to be sent with entrance fees of £2 per pair to be sent to the Tennis Secretary, Mr. G. T. May, Barrack Office, by Wednesday.

SWIMMING GALA.

H.E. the G.O.C. has kindly consented to present the Challenge Cup and Medals to the winners and runners-up of the Garrison Water Polo League, Garrison Unit Relay and Army Swimming Championship.

Programme.—Unit Relay Race Championship Cup. Individual Army Championship Race Challenge Cup. Water Polo.—Winners versus the rest of League.

Commence 4.30 p.m., Wednesday, 23rd instant, in the R.A.S.C. Canteen. Entries with fee of \$5 for the Unit Relay Race, to be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, G.R.C., Wellington Barracks, by 12 noon, on the 19th inst.

Rules.—Teams of 7 men from Companies, Battalions, R.F., Small Units or any Departmental Corps, may enter as a team separately.

Distance:— 1st man to swim free style, 30yds. 2nd " " 60yds. 3rd " " 90yds. 4th " " 90yds. 5th " " 30yds. 6th " " 30yds. 7th " " 60yds.

Entries for Individual Championship with fee of \$1 to reach the Hon. Secretary, G.R.C., by noon on the 19th inst.

Rules.—Open to all ranks. Distance.—90yds. breast stroke. 90yds. back stroke. 90yds. style.

BILLIARDS.

Entries with fee of \$5 for Garrison Billiards Challenger Cup (eight a side) to be forwarded to the Hon. Sec., G.R.C., by 12 noon on the 19th inst. Rules will be forwarded to all concerned early next week. Play to commence on 21st inst.

Military Amateur Championship of the Colony.—Entries with fee of 50 cents to be forwarded to the Hon. Sec., G.R.C., by 12 noon on October 1. All games to be played on the match table. Soldiers' Club.

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

Matches for this week:— Monday.—"B" Co. v. 25th Hvy. Bty.; "A" Co. v. R.E.A.M.C. Tuesday.—"C" Co. v. "D" Co.; 25th Hvy. Bty. v. H.Q.

Wednesday.—13th Hvy. Bty. v. "B" Co.; 25th Hvy. Bty. v. R.E.A.M.C. Thursday.—H.Q. v. 18th Hvy. Bty.; 38th Hvy. Bty. v. "C" Co.

Friday.—"A" Co. v. "D" Co.; "B" Co. v. 38th Hvy. Bty. Saturday.—"D" Co. v. H.Q.; "C" Co. v. "A" Co.

First named team to commence at 5 p.m. sharp.

Paris, September 13.—The new taxes levied to meet the budget deficit include an increase in income derived from capital tax to twenty per cent. on commercial and industrial profits; a tax of fifteen and on salaries less than those for new taxes on income derived from capital and "unproductive" property.—Reuter.

MOROCCO FIGHTING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Sept. 12.

A Fez message states that after intensive artillery preparation by air and land the French troops in Morocco opened an offensive yesterday morning on all wings of the front. The last communication says that all objectives, which were the posts occupied by the French before the Rifian aggression, had been attained everywhere. The enemy, after a little resistance, began to retreat towards the North. Meanwhile the foreseen counter attacks to be opened to-night by Rif groups are signalised by aviators. The French losses are very small.—Havas.

Fez, Sept. 12.

French troops have occupied Zauideamjot, the capital of the Beniheral tribe, fourteen kilometres north-west of Tafraut.

To-day's communiqué states that the attacking groups enlarged their operations which are developing excellently. The advanced elements occupied new villages at points of vantage.

OPERATIONS CONTINUE.

Paris, Sept. 12.

A message from Fez says the new situation is unchanged. The enemy retired swiftly, moving northwards. Aircraft report enemy concentration on a number of fronts indicating that the Rifis are recovering from the surprise attack on the intended counter-attack last night. French operations, however, will be continued to-day and extend over the occupied area.

Franco-Spanish messages from Morocco indicate a slow but certain advance with casualties small. A Madrid communiqué says Spanish troops have reinforced the western front and have continued operations, occupying positions affording advantageous starting points for further advance. The enemy suffered heavy casualties amounting to 500 alone on the Beniheral sector near Tetuan.

A TRAITOR?

Paris, Sept. 13.

It is reported from Algiers that M. Henriot, Communist Deputy for the Seine, who was recently at Oran and is now at Algiers has been arrested on a charge of conspiring against the internal security of the State, as he was about to embark for Marseilles.—Reuter.

The French gains described in Fez despatches were notably the capture of Jebelamrot mountain commanding the whole Teroual district. The French losses were slight.

A Tangier message mentions that a friendly tribe had repelled a Rif attack. The Rifis are strongly pressing the Spanish western front especially at Darbenkarrieh, southwest of Tetuan. The enemy has been reinforced by several thousand men on the Branes front.

GARRISON HOLDS OUT.

The details of the fighting received from Fez show that the Rif repeated and vigorously assaulted the small garrison on Issual Height, supported by hundred millimetre guns directed by Europeans whose white uniforms were clearly distinguishable. The Rif reached the entanglements but were driven back and have now abandoned the attack. The centre of enemy resistance is Bibane Massief which is defended by means of trenches dug into the sides of the hills and cleverly camouflaged, but the French are likely to encircle the position. Several tribes are giving signs of submission. The French successes are attributed to accurate gunnery and the judicious use of tanks.—Reuter.

Paris, Sept. 13.

The correspondent of the "Journal" telegraphic from Melilla that anticipating the resumption of the Spanish offensive at Alhucemas the Rifis are retreating to the mountains. Aircraft are continually bombing the Adjir district.

HEAVY RIFIAN CASUALTIES

Madrid Sept. 13.

Reports from Tetuan states that the general commanding in Morocco in a communiqué says that the troops yesterday advanced two kilometres and captured a village after most obstinate fighting. The enemy left sixty dead. The Spanish losses were seventy. Reports from Melilla state that two Spanish cruisers and some transports without troops landed a landing at Wadian on the 11th. The cruisers are causing heavy casualties among the Rifis who left again as the vessels approached the shore.—Reuter.

EPIC OF THE SEA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Honolulu, Sept. 12.

The vicissitudes of the American seaplane crew in their ten days' drift are described in a long account issued by Commander Rodgers. He says they sailed before the wind about fifty miles a day. They cut the fabric of the lower wing and rigged up a foresail and constructed a little water still by burning wood from the edges of the lower wings. By this means they obtained one and a half canteens of water in five hours' distillation. They devised lee-boards to assist their crossing of the Kaui channel. The plane encountered a heavy rain squall on the eighth day and caught two gallons of water in fabric taken from the wings. They rigged up a wireless transmitter which failed to work although the receiving apparatus gave information of everything happening around.

Honolulu, Sept. 13.

Commander Rodgers and his four seaplane comrades were wildly welcomed on arrival. All were ordered to hospital for further examination, food and sleep. One said big black sharks followed them daily, apparently waiting for choice bits of human flesh.

INDIA'S PROBLEMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

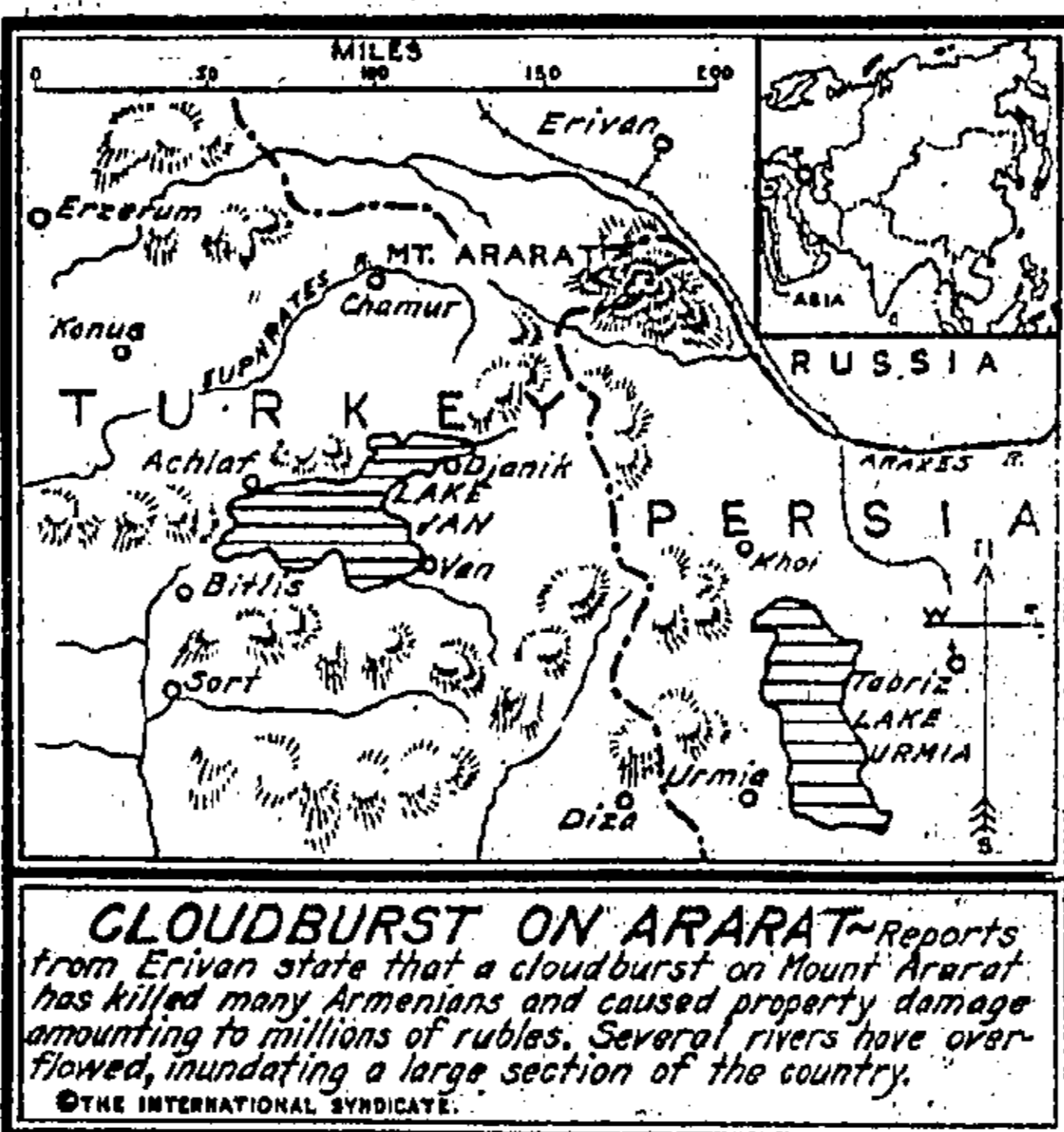
Simla, Sept. 12.

The Council of State discussed the Muddiman report, and rejected by 29 votes to 10 an amendment which was substantially the same as that moved by Motilal on September 8.

The amendment was to the effect that the constitution should be fundamentally changed, Motilal Nehru urging that a conference representing all interests should frame a scheme for the approval of the Legislature to be submitted to the British Parliament.

Later.

The Council of State by 29 votes to 7 carried the Government resolution endorsing the conclusions of the majority report of the Muddiman committee. A proposal that the Government consider the minority report as soon as possible was rejected by 28 votes to seven.—Reuter.



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SHIPPING STRIKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Durban, Sept. 12.

The s.s. "Ulysses" from Australia is the first large steamer with a British crew to sail from Durban since the strike started. It departed after a midnight meeting of the crew who decided by a two-thirds majority to take the vessel to sea.

Sydney, Sept. 12.

Mr. Lang, the Premier of New South Wales, says the imprisoned seamen are regarded as political prisoners.

COSTLY DINNER.

A dinner at an hotel in Piccadilly has cost an ex-Cambridge undergraduate £4,000.

He is Mr. Everard Gates, the son of the late Mr. Ernest Gates, that Bradford millionaire woollen manufacturer, who died two months ago, having previously given £23,000 to Cambridge University.

"Don't make me out to be a boob," said Mr. Gates to a "Daily Express" representative, "or I shall be angry. As a matter of fact, I am one of the world's workers. I am Chairman although only twenty-two years old—of Ernest H. Gates and Co., Ltd., and I am just entering into a partnership for publishing books as well."

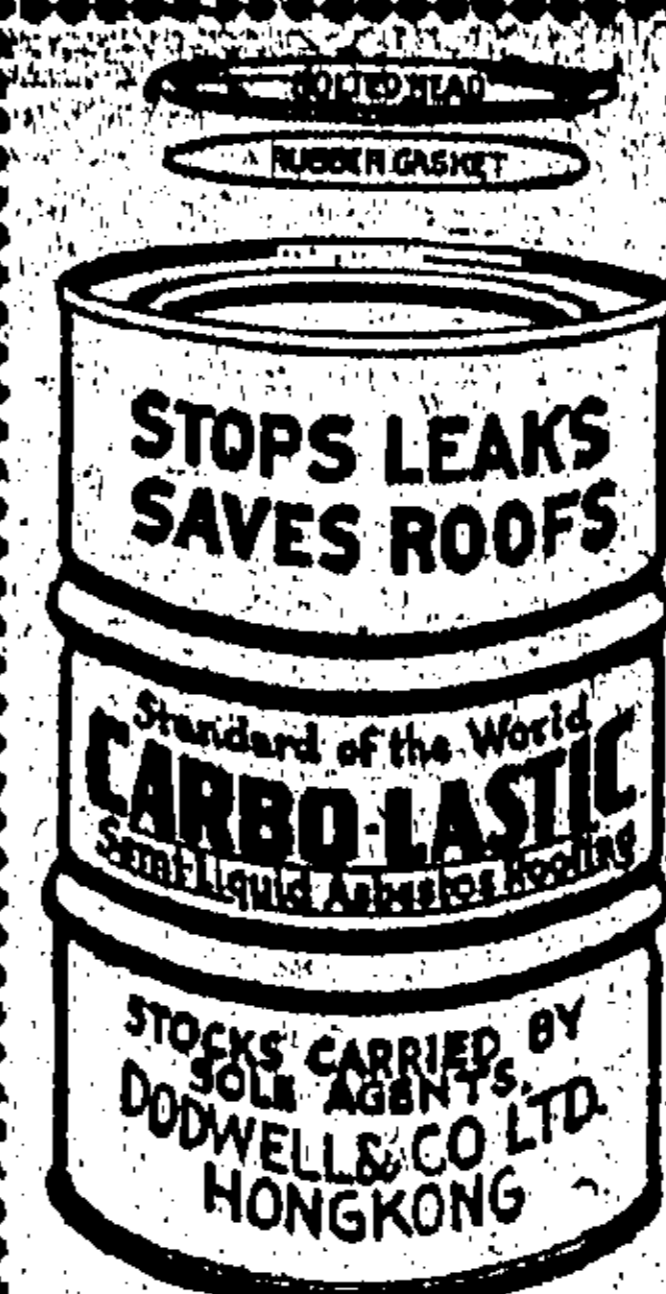
"What happened was this. I was going down to Henley, and I called in at my flat in Ryder Street to pack a suitcase. I saw a pile of letters there, including one containing, as I knew, a dividend warrant—probably cashable by bearer, but I am not yet sure—worth about £4,000. I threw them all into the bag and then drove off to the Berkeley Hotel for dinner."

"I left the car outside, but when I returned the bag had disappeared. I have informed Vine Street, and am now waiting for results."

Mr. Gates possesses an income of £40,000 a year, a flat in Ryder Street, a house in Curzon Street, two Rolls-Royces, and Buckingham Hall in Norfolk, the former residence of the late Mr. Lionel Robinson, the Australian millionaire.

"My father's will has not yet been proved," Mr. Gates, concluded, "so I do not really know how much it will come to."

Independent estimates of people who know the late Mr. Gates suggest that it may be anything between one million and three million pounds.



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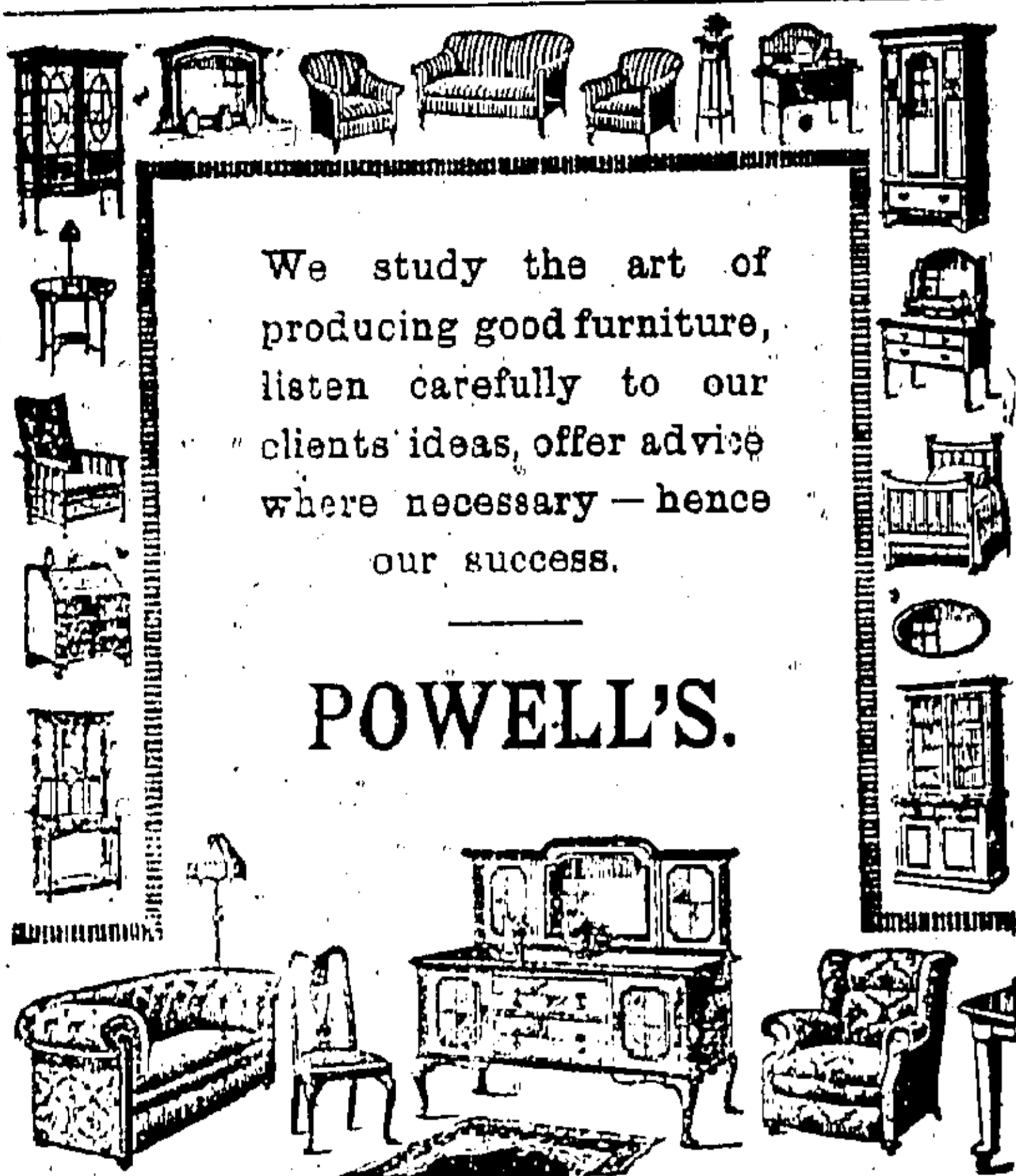
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BIRTHS.

LINDSAY:—On September 12, at 531, The Peak, to the Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Lindsay, the gift of a daughter.

Hongkong, Monday, Sept. 14, 1925.

SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

Early prediction in these columns of the appointment of Sir Henry Cowper Gollan to a seat on the Commission to enquire into the outbreak at Shanghai on May 30 has been confirmed. The enquiry will probably begin in October, giving time for other nations—particularly China—to appoint their nominees. It is particularly desired that China shall appoint one of her own judges, and it seems very desirable that this should be insisted upon. Nothing should be left to chance—especially the chance of the Commission's findings being questioned, misinterpreted and entirely ignored. Britain has undertaken to abide by the decisions of the enquiry and, as an earnest, has appointed a distinguished member of its judiciary. Just as we rightly boast that our Civil Service is an incorrupt body, so we hold up our judicial service, probably the best that civilisation has devised, and those composing it as men beyond reproach, bringing to their work a high sense of

its importance, and a knowledge based on long and sound training. It is necessary to emphasise this undeniable fact. It may be necessary to urge it in the eyes of the many prejudiced Chinese, who may be inclined to say—"Can any good come out of England?" The suggestion may not "acclimatise" with legal dignity, and we do not press it. But we do press the suggestion that those who have British interests in hand in Shanghai, should see to it that the proceedings of the Commission are faithfully reproduced in Chinese so as to leave no manner of doubt as to what has taken place; what evidence has been given and by whom. This is an elementary precaution. But it is a precaution that should be taken, even though the meetings of the Commission will be open to the world. Another thing suggests itself. If Britain has announced its acceptance of the findings which will follow as a result of the enquiry, the same should be announced by Peking as the present recognised authority of Chinese rule. Britain and China are the two countries principally involved. The shootings at Shanghai in May took place on the authority of a British police officer in charge of a section of police. On this fact, mob rule prevailed for a time, and a strike and boycott principally against Britishers, their trade and institutions, took place, and lasted for a considerable time. Such a procedure stamped those responsible for it, as beneath consideration. But the treatment all along has been considerate: the disease or fever has been allowed to run itself out, and now in the calmer light of a convalescence, the cause of the outbreak will be considered. If congratulations are called for, it must be only on the ground that Hongkong's Chief Justice has been called upon to represent his country in a delicate matter and at a critical moment. We have no doubt at all that he will discharge his duties as becomes a distinguished member of a distinguished profession.

The Need for Wireless.

The last week-end, during which a typhoon has much upset shipping arrangements, has served in many quarters to bring up once more the need for wire-

less installations on all coasting boats in China seas," observes the "North China Daily News." "Especially has it appeared so at this juncture, for everybody knows how much difficulty there has been in arranging passages, particularly to and from the north in view of the strike conditions. The position is felt the more among the foreign community because of the fact that all these boats are to-day carrying a full complement of passengers, and in typhoon weather it becomes a matter of anxiety when ships, known to be at sea, do not arrive in port according to time-table. As a matter of fact nobody does expect the time-table to be adhered to, but a wireless message to the effect that a boat was safely anchored in some sheltered position would relieve the natural anxiety experienced on such occasions when friends and relatives are concerned. This is by no means the first time that an extended use of wireless has been urged in these columns, in fact ever since the Lammoeks disaster three or four years ago letters and articles have promoted the idea. We know that a good deal of progress has been made, that a wireless school for Chinese operators has been established in Hongkong, and that more and more ships are being equipped with it. All credit certainly to the shipping companies which have worked to this end, and what we should wish to do on an occasion like the present, when so much anxiety has been experienced owing to the typhoon, is to strengthen the hands of those with influence to hasten its further adoption. As one experienced navigator remarked in these columns, it is the best safety device that can be thought of on the seas, and there is the minor point that its installation would in the present case have allayed a quite natural nervousness."

THEY SAY THAT—

The equalisation of individual incomes is an illusion.—Sir Josiah Stamp.

It is almost impossible to value a work of art.—Mr. G. Lecker-Lampson, M.P.

A child is no more like a grown-up than a tadpole is like a frog.—Mr. Frank Rose.

Nothing will advance a boy in the world so much as good pronunciation.—Mr. Frank Jones.

No few people have the art of living. Probably it is born with one.—Miss Sophie Clegg.

The mind of the civilised human being is not vastly better than that of a dog.—Professor A. M. Low.

In the ordinary course of social life we set up a certain standard of exaltation.—Mr. Stacey Annonier.

You mustn't deprive a believer of his faith without establishing him in some other faith.—Mr. Ward Muir.

The business of the politician is to say easily intelligible things in a clear and unimpeachable way.—Mr. H. A. L. Fisher.

Shilling for shilling, I don't suppose there is any decent country on earth where one feels quite so well as in England.—Mr. John Leith.

THE LOONGWO.

A rush of flying spray.
A crash, and then a blow!
And there, a derelict, she lay,
Upon the yellow flow.

The captain swept the scene,
And turned him where he stood.
With anxious eye, and troubled men,
He scanned the rolling flood.

A chill was on the wave;
The stream was swift beneath;
And helpless there, with none to save,
Each soul confronted death.

The mother clasped her child
Without a word or cry,
And gazed across the waters wild
In silent agony.

When lo! the cry, "A sail!"
Rose ringing o'er the wave;
And, ensign answering hail to hail,
The ship bore down to save.

But no! she stopped; she turned,
And slowly passed them by;
Their signals of distress she spurned,
And left them there to die.

Come! Strike the colours hoar,
That o'er us flew in vain.
Time was the Flag of England
Bore.

No slur upon the main!
And men who heard, and saw,
While memory shall be,
Shall long record the broken law
Of chivalry at sea.

—North China Daily News.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

It will be generally agreed that humour is pretty much the same world over.

The difference, if any, is in the manner used in "getting it over." We have gone through numbers of "Punch" without a smile; whilst a book of funny stories by George Robey produced one faint laugh, and two half-hearted smiles, helped on by several of H. M. Bateman's illustrations. Someone has been giving examples of American funny stories.

In his 355 examples of the standard American funny story Irvin Cobb has one of an old English actor which was intended to hit off a good-humouredly one of the idiosyncrasies of the travelling Englishman. This worthy actor, as reported by Mr. Cobb, emerged from the pier with his hatbox, his umbrella, his make-up box, his grips, his tea caddy, his steamer rug, his framed copy of "The Death of Nelson" and other prized personal belongings. He got on a street car and when it started suddenly he fell and his possessions were scattered. "There now," he said, "I knew I shouldn't like the blasted country."

Not many Hongkong people are likely to go into convulsions after reading it, nor are they with the following which has always appealed to us in a quiet way. It is supposed to be American. A timid person knocks at a door of a house and asks if Mr. Jones lives there. "No, he doesn't," snaps the ill-natured slavey banging the door in his face. The timid one goes away, ponders the matter, and then returns. When the door is opened he murmurs: "Who said he did" and walks off.

Humour, what crimes are committed in thy name!

It is possible to argue DULL, that part of our troubles are caused by those British people who are arrogant and ignorant, and whose outlook on life is limited. Our meaning is better explained by an extract from a recent book written by an Embassy official. He records a visit paid by the great Cecil Rhodes to Constantinople. The great man had an aide-de-camp placed at his disposal by the Sultan, who spoke French only, Rhodes speaking English only. "Look at that man," he said to me, pointing to his guide, "he can't speak English; think of what his life must be." Which remark, shocking as it was to a man

steeped in European politics, merely proved that Rhodes had the crudities of his qualities and that his true milieu was not Europe, but the place where he belonged. There are many people built like that and quite a few have wandered to this part of the world. They are the type that would settle our troubles in what is described as "two winks of a lamb's tail."

Shall we amend the PATRIOTS. National Anthem?

"Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the seas; Britons never, never shall lose their sets." This is the suggestion of a London journalist on the news that principally on patriotic grounds, Cyril Tolley, the mighty swiper at golf, is giving up that game in favour of tennis. Have we any local examples? Has Bill Adams who has swept the boards of silver spoons in local bowling tournaments, decided to take up cross words on patriotic lines? Not Pygmalion likely! Has the fact of prizes anything to do with ardency in sports? Will not the accumulation of these on sideboards and in cabinets be taken in the future as evidence of a dissipated life? Our idea of the laurel wreath holds good. No question of sour grapes is involved. Our athletic trophies include one silver medal (lost) gained in a walking contest, two silver spoons for tennis, and one fork and carver (marked "Sold as imperfect") for coming in third in a 220 yards race.

William Le Queux

EXPLAINED. We believe put into a rhyme an explanation of the correct rendering of his name. It has much to commend it. The Liberator of Los Angeles recently complained that scarcely any of its inhabitants knew how the name was pronounced. In the hope to educate his fellow-citizens he circulated the following rhyme:—

The lady would remind you please,
Her name is not Lost Angie Lees.
Or Angie anything whatever.
She hopes her friends will be so clever.
To share her fit historic pride,
The "g" must not be jellified;
"O" long, "g" hard, and rhyme with "yes."
That's all about Loce Ang-el-ess.

Which, perhaps, had the desired effect.

CROSSING THE EQUATOR IN A DREADNOUGHT.

Have you ever crossed the line? asks a writer in the "Christian Science Monitor." Well, perhaps you have and perhaps you have not to cross it in a naval vessel, and particularly in a battleship, is an experience not soon to be forgotten.

Crossing the line is not to be taken lightly, for when you cross it you invade the realm of Neptune, Ruler of the Raging Main and King of the Deep, and if you are a "landlubber" who has never crossed before, you must be brought to trial before his court. Then if found guilty you must pay the penalties inflicted by his judges.

The night before the ship arrives at the equator, generally known as "the line," it is stopped for two minutes for Davy Jones, who is King Neptune's messenger, to come aboard. On this particular occasion he had his orderly with him—a sailor dressed in a regulation uniform with a regulation flat hat all made out of red flag hunting.

Davy himself, was dressed in a "son" wester," an oilskin coat and rubber boots. He brought greeting to the captain from King Neptune and instructions as to how he should enter his realm, with changes and specifications to the officers and men of the crew who were not properly initiated "shell-bucks."

He came aboard by way of the anchor chain, and through the hawse pipe, which is the proper way, and was received by the captain, to whom he delivered the instructions of the king and the charges and specifications for all the "landlubbers" in the crew.

It was a strange sight to see the dignified captain of a modern dreadnought, in his white uniform with the reflected light of the searchlight sparkling from the gold on his cap and shoulder marks, receiving Davy Jones with the officers and crew assembled to receive their charges and specifications. The captain was a "land-lubber," for in his thirty-four years in the navy this was his first time across a rather unusual record.

The day of the crossing was the big day, however, bright and early the crew fell in on the fore-castle to receive King Neptune and his retainers. The "land-lubbers" were lined up in two long lines, and then

landlubbers aft." A screen had been rigged forward on the fore-castle to permit the king to assemble his followers prior to the reception. When all was ready two trumpeters stepped forth and sounded attention. This was the signal for the ship's band to strike up the admiral's march, and then the admiral of the royal navy appeared. His stripes were of yellow bunting and his chest was covered with campaign ribbons—wooden blocks slipped with paint.

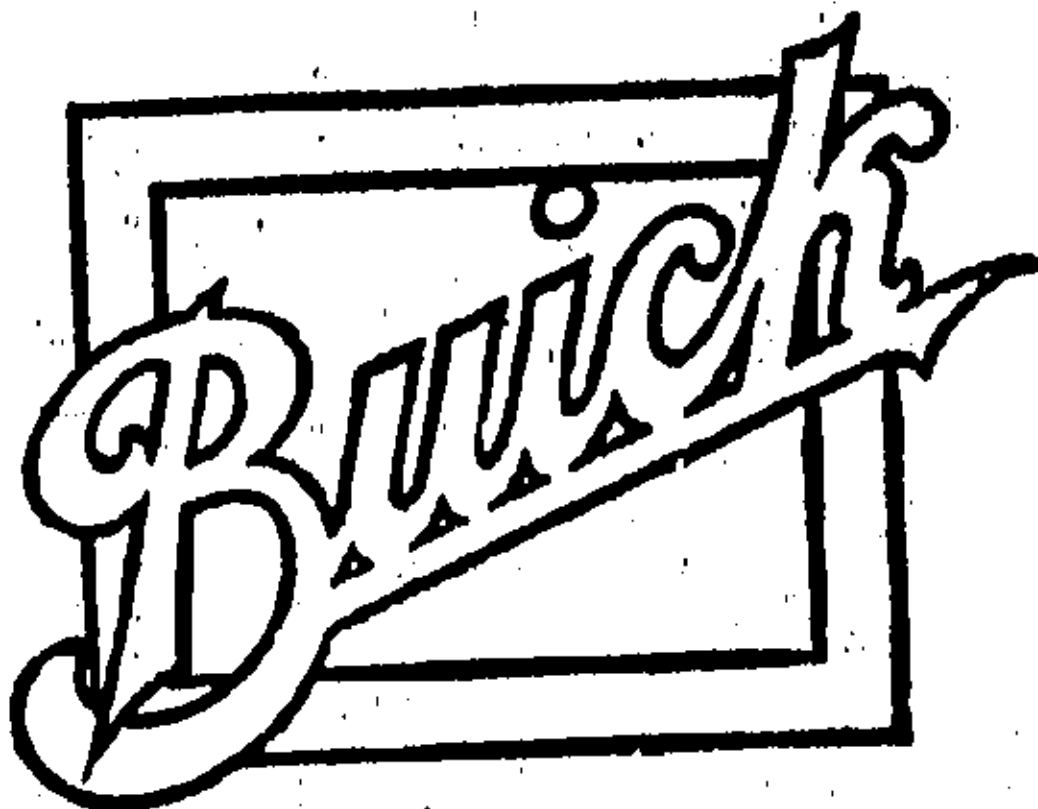
Next appeared King Neptune himself with the queen and the royal baby—a big engineer covered with black grease paint and riding in a baby carriage made by putting a box on a pair of aeroplane wheels. The royal baby was much used in the ceremony later, for one of the favourite sentences of the royal judges was to kiss the royal baby.

Following the royal baby was everything royal and plebeian—ladies-in-waiting, the royal barber, the royal judges, the keepers of the royal zoo, the lions, the bears, the police, and what not. The procession reached from the bow to the stern. After marching several times around the ship with the band playing full blast, it went to the stern, where a stand had been prepared for the throne and for the royal court.

Here King Neptune delivered a speech to the crew and then proceeded with the trial of all "landlubbers." The captain was first and pleaded guilty. He was fined, as were most of the officers—twenty bottles of ginger ale being the limit.

The younger officers and crew were "put through." They were shaved by the royal barber, using grease paint; put into the chamber of horrors, or, at least, but not least, put into a dumping chair and dumped into a tank constructed on deck for the purpose, there to be thoroughly scrubbed by the royal slaves.

All morning the initiation went on until about 4,000 men had been put through. It was really more of a farce than a trial, and it was a good thing that it was in the afternoon, as the crew fell in on the fore-castle to receive King Neptune and his retainers. The "land-lubbers" were lined up in two long lines, and then



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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Broadcasters gave another excellent show at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when they concluded their season in Hongkong.

Thousands of little keepsakes and comforts, intended for American soldiers in France and which never reached those to whom they were addressed, were turned over by the War Department to the Postmaster-General for disposition through the dead letter office. Addresses had been destroyed or so mutilated as to prevent delivery.

There is a "slump" on the monacle market. A superstition is running round the West End that monacles are unlucky, in view of the prominence given to the recent arrest of the "monacle" man. "Our sale of monacles has dwindled to almost nil," said the manager of a leading West End optician. "It is now confined almost entirely to those men who actually need them—i.e., those who suffer from astigmatism. It is not generally realised that at least two-thirds of the monacles now being worn in society are made of plain glass, bevelled at the edges. Even very prominent men wear monacles purely for their decorative effect. Since the 'monacle' man case we have sold practically no plain-glass monacles. They are supposed to bring bad luck."

Says Truth:—The implications of "the traffic in arms" should be brought home to the public in this country by the case of Ching Sai Chai, the Chinese cook of a British steamer, who at West Ham was fined £478 4s. (six months' imprisonment in default) "for knowingly harbouring and concealing" revolvers, Mauser pistols, and ammunition to that value on his ship—not to mention smuggling opium, for which he got another six months without option. Ching had stowed these precious goods in a tank for conveyance to his native land, where a ready and active market doubtless awaited them. A noteworthy feature in the case was that the munitions of war were put on board the ship at Hamburg. Hitherto the only known exporters of munitions for China have been French and American. Now the Germans are competing in the nefarious trade, and before our eyes in China are the results that come of it. When shall we know the outcome of all the talk recently devoted to this subject at Geneva?

Albert Johnson of New York has announced that a pigeon belonging to him which had been released from the liner "Paris" 1,000 miles at sea by friends of his had arrived back home. He believed this to be the longest pigeon flight on record.

"There are more vacancies for a £10,000 a year man than there are for a £2 a week man, because there are practically no vacancies for the latter," said Sir William Joynson-Hicks, British Home Secretary of State, at this year's prize distribution at Dean Close School, Cheltenham. "But the big jobs," he added, "are not for the man who will only work the ordinary hours, and is content with the ordinary trade union wages." Sir William put his finger on Great Britain's main industrial difficulty at present. It is a difficulty which depends on the fact that labour efficiency in Great Britain has not yet increased in the same ratio as wages.

That guidebooks are fallible is the reluctant conclusion of a member of the Royal Geographical Society who writes as follows to the editor of the "Daily Mail": "Sir, Nelson, we all agree, stands high in public esteem, but how high does he stand in the sky? Desiring today to know the height of the column in Trafalgar Square, I referred to Baedeker's Guide to London (edition of 1923), which gave the total height as 170½ feet, of which the statue is 17 feet. Then I turned to Baedeker's London for 1911. The column (at that time certainly 12 years younger) was then declared to be 145 feet. My curiosity now thoroughly aroused, I fell upon Muirhead's Guide to London, edition 1922, which told me that the column was then 142 feet high. Next, Cassell's Guide to London (1921) gave the column's height as 145 feet. Cunningham's Handbook for London, 1849, told me the statue was not 17 but 18 feet high. Then I ascertained when the Nelson column was erected. The statue was set up in 1843, said Cunningham. The column was begun in 1840, said Baedeker (1923), but not completed until 1867. The monument was erected in 1843, said Baedeker (1911). The Nelson column was erected in 1840, said Cassell. The monument was erected, said Muirhead, in 1840-43. I begin to distrust guidebooks."

Eighty-five aeroplanes costing £12,467 were imported into Siam in the last fiscal year, seventy-five the year before, and twenty-five three years ago.

Examinations have been proceeding in London schools, with the usual crop of howlers and occasional answers that denote the wisdom of a philosopher beneath the guilelessness of a child. At one school the children were asked to explain the difference between conscience and cowardice. One child replied: "Conscience is when you are afraid. Cowardice is when the other fellow's afraid." At another school the history class were asked to write a brief account of the life of Joan of Arc. One paper read: "Joan of Arc: She was good, she was brave, she was honest, she was burnt."

Women surgeons are to gain equal privileges with men in regard to their membership of the Royal College of Surgeons. The secretary of the College stated in an interview that it is contemplated at the next meeting of the Council of the College to consider the question of making application to the Privy Council for a supplementary charter to admit women on equal terms with men. Though women have previously become Fellows and members of the College by virtue of an Act of Parliament, they have possessed no corporate rights. If the proposed request of the Council is granted, the present women Fellows and members will have full voting power and the right to be elected to the Council.

South Sea Islanders are soon to have wireless communication with the outside world. When the Rev. G. H. Eastman, of the London Missionary Society, leaves for the Gilbert Islands, he will take with him a number of radio sets for distribution among the natives. Coconut palms 80 to 90 feet high are to be used for aerial poles, and it is hoped to be able to pick up the wireless signals at Sydney, Australia. The Gilbert Islands probably are the most lonely and primitive of all the British possessions in the South Seas and communication with Sydney, more than 2,000 miles from the islands, is only possible by means of steamers, which sometimes are seven and eight months apart, and food supplies sometimes dwindle.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. P. B. Clayton, M.C., of Tse H. fame, arrives in Singapore on Saturday, October 3, and leaves on Monday, October 5.

According to a report published by the "Morning Post," Admiral Beatty is about to resign command of the British Fleet. Admiral Sir John de Robeck and Admiral Sir Charles Madden are mentioned as successors.

Mr. W. M. E. Martin, assistant conservator of forests, Tamping, shot a fully grown male tiger 7½ feet in length, at Johol, on the Negri Sembilan boundary. The animal was driven out of the jungle by local Malays and shot by Mr. Martin on foot.

Cyril Tolley, the former golf champion, has entered for tennis tournaments under the name of "A. Birdie." Golfers facetiously applaud his modesty, remarking that he might, for instance, have chosen "A. N. Eagle." Tolley made a successful first appearance in the Buxton tennis tournament.

"I know from experience that housewives would find it better to ask for Empire goods," said the Queen, during her Wembley visit. When told that the housewives did not ask for Empire goods, Her Majesty said: "I'm afraid that is the real trouble—they take what is offered." During the visit the Queen sympathetically asked a lost boy whether he was worried, but he replied: "No, I gotta apple."

Pressure was brought to bear on Jack Sharp, captain of the Lancashire cricket team, to reconsider his decision not to play at the Old Trafford Ground in the remaining two matches of the season, because the crowd, known as "the wolves of the cricket field," harassed and insulted when Sharp dropped a catch against Middlesex. The authorities admit that Sharp has good grounds for refusing. A large section of Old Trafford spectators are repeatedly unfriendly.

Miss C. O. Frost and Mr. A. J. Pilgrim returned to the Colony by the "Siberia Maru" yesterday.

Signorina Edda, the 18-year-old daughter of Signor Mussolini, is reported to have rescued at Catolica, a health resort on the Adriatic, a young girl who got into difficulties while swimming, and was on the point of drowning.

A man who was at school with Kipling—to whom, therefore, "Stalky & Co." is an open book, passes on the somewhat surprising fact that "young Kipling" was not very popular among his schoolmates, because he was always getting himself excused from games on the ground of delicateness. Strange (isn't it?) that the apostle of Jingoism should have started life as a "milkop." But such is the way of the world.

Nothing under the sun is new, not even the present mode in Oxford trousers. In the 80's of last century one of the most popular and best known figures in the University was Dr. John Richard Magrath, Provost of Queen's College. He was a short, handsome man, with a long white beard, and always wore immensely wide trousers. Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, who was a member of Queen's in those days, says, in his recent book of "Memories," that they had a College song about him. He quotes one verse, most of the other not being couched in Parliamentary language.

He has a long beard which he playfully wags
When he does the redied la-di-da
And nothing in Oxford can equal the tags
Of Dr. John Richard Magrath.

NOXON

The Bombay Municipal Corporation Hall presented an animated scene recently when Joseph Baptista was elected president of the corporation amidst the cheers of his supporters. This is the first time for two decades that a native Christian has occupied the presidential chair.

King George has become more of an outdoor enthusiast than ever. Early in the spring he had a specially fitted summer house placed in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, where he carried on his routine work in the unusually warm weather which London experienced all through June and early July this year.

There is a distinct possibility that London will shortly experience the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Patrick Campbell in the West End. Off the stage, she is one of the world's champion leg-pullers. When she was introduced to Mr. H. G. Wells, she instantly began to ply him with questions about boxing. He apologised for his inability to answer them, saying that he was comparatively ignorant of the art. "Oh!" exclaimed Mrs. Pat disappointedly. "I thought you were Mr. Bombardier Wells!"

Austen Chamberlain, presiding over a dinner of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution, told a good story about himself. After a strenuous week's work in the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva, he had reserved an afternoon to visit a certain wonderful garden, for he is a great gardening enthusiast. When the dinner was concluded on his way to see his garden, he was stopped by a group of four men, who were waiting for him. They were the four men who had been waiting for him since he had left the League of Nations. They were the four men who had been waiting for him since he had left the League of Nations. They were the four men who had been waiting for him since he had left the League of Nations.

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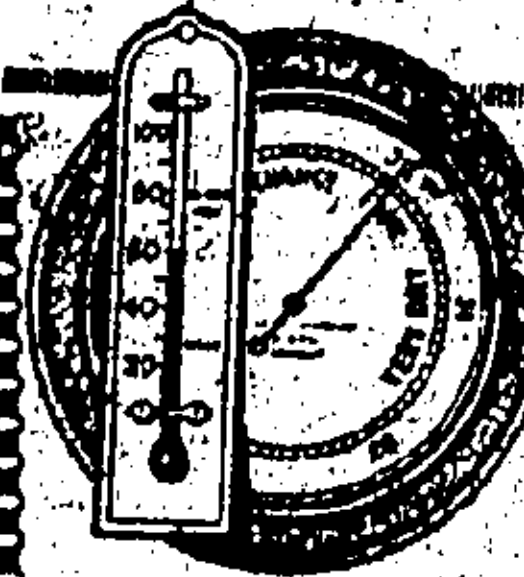
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The Rt. Hon. Montagu Collet Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who was recently elected for the third time to his post.



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17th Oct. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
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Straits	Van Cloon	11.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.		
Bangkok	Kiangchow	8.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.		
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via Marseilles—des Marseilles		
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